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1. AS FOLLOWUP TO ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL MINISTER'S
DISCUSSION WITH LAUTENSCHLAGER (REFTEL A), MFA OFFICE
DIRECTOR FOR EC AGRICULTURAL AND TRADE ISSUES,
FREITAG, CALLED EMBASSY ECON COUNSELOR TO REITERATE
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FRG'S COMMITMENT TO WORK TOWARD A FLEXIBLE EC MTN

MANDATE. HE CONFIRMED EARLIER REPORTS THAT FRANCE WAS PRESSING HARD TO HAVE INCLUDED IN THE MANDATE CLEAR CUT STATEMENT ON TREATMENT OF AGRICULTURAL QUESTIONS IN SEPARATE COMMITTEE. FREITAG SAID THAT FRG AND OTHER EC MEMBERS FULLY AWARE OF STRONG US POSITION IN THIS REGARD AND THEY WERE WORKING FOR FLEXIBLE MANDATE WHICH WOULD PERMIT NEXT WEEK'S TNC MEETING TO GET OFF TO A GOOD START.

2. FREITAG EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT EC FOREIGN MINISTERS' COUNCIL MEETING ON MORNING OF FEBRUARY 10 WILL COME UP WITH ACCEPTABLE MANDATE. HE THOUGHT THAT EC STATEMENT OF JANUARY, 1974, WHICH STILL VALID, PROVIDES BASIS FOR REACHING AGREEMENT AT COUNCIL MEETING. FREITAG ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT AS A BOW TO THE FRENCH ON THE SEPARATE TREATMENT OF AGRICULTURE AN APPROPRIATE FORMULATION WOULD BE ENTERED IN PROTOCOL OF MINISTERS' MEETING.

3. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR RESTATED US POSITION ALONG LINES OF STATE REFTELS AND REITERATED NEED TO AVOID CONFRONTATION AT THE START OF GENEVA DISCUSSIONS. ALSO STRESSED THE NEED FOR REACHING AGREEMENT ON TREATMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN A WAY THAT WOULD ENSURE CONCURRENT AND PARALLEL PROGRESS WITH THAT IN INDUSTRY. FREITAG AGREED IN PRINCIPLE, BUT ADDED THAT FRENCH SENSITIVITY STEMS FROM CONCERN, SHARED BY OTHER EC MEMBERS, THAT MTN TREATMENT OF AGRICULTURE MUST AVOID A DISCUSSION OF THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE CAP.
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